(c) To assist the police.
(d) About Rs. 5,500 a month.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Am I to take it that the Government have got a Police Force of 930 with less expenditure?

**Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police)*: If we do not have special guards we will have to increase the Police Force.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: What is the nature of the training given to them?

**Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police)*: They are given training in elementary principles of law and some physical training.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Are they given training in Lathi Charge?

**Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police)*: Yes.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know why Nemmara has got a small number of guards. There it is only 8.

**Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police)*: The strength of the special guards as fixed will depend upon the availability of suitable men and the requirements of the locality.

## SPEECH IN THE WILLINGDON ISLAND—RETIRED SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT—PERMISSION FOR

48. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Mr. K. Achyuta Menon, Retired Government Secretary, delivered a speech on the 11th or 12th Thulam in the Willingdon Island;

(b) if so, did he get the sanction of the Commissioner of Police to do so?

**Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(a) Yes.
(b) No; but it was not a public meeting.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will you please define the term 'public meeting'?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew** *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The meeting in question was a meeting of the Military Officers only in the Willingdon Island and was not open to the public at all.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Are not all meetings banned?

**Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police)*: All public meetings are banned.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: What is the definition of public meeting.

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** *(Advocate-General)*: Rule 56 of the Defence of India Act defines what a public meeting is. So far as this meeting is concerned there was absolutely no right of admission to any member of the public. It was definitely confined to the Military.

**Mr. President**: This was not in any sense a public meeting. It was one of a course of lectures intended for Military Officers on various subjects delivered by people with special knowledge, say for instance, regarding the history and characteristics of Cochin State. The public had no right of admission to that meeting.

**Mr. K. Ayyappan** *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Is a general meeting of the members of an association a public meeting?

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** *(Advocate-General)*: No.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Rural)*: Wherefrom was this T. A. given.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*: He was paid the actual charges by the Government.

## RESOLUTION NO. 8—*(cont.)*

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, we were on the resolution of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar regarding the suspension of the Price Control Department and I submitted to the House yesterday that there are two factors to be considered when we are discussing the activities of this Department. First is the question of prices. We must see that these essential commodities are available at reasonable prices. That is, we should get the commodities according to the prices fixed in the Gazette from time to time. The second is, there should be sufficient quantities available for the people for their consumption.

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